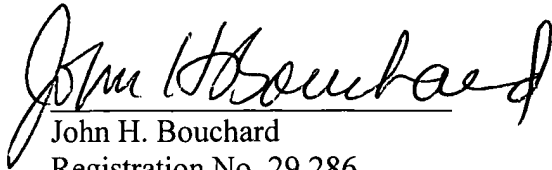


In view of the attached 'Amendments to the Claims', an early action on the merits, in connection with new claims 72-154, is earnestly solicited.

Please charge any additional fee and credit any overpayment to deposit account 07-1078.

Respectfully Submitted,

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